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To the Chairman and Members of the Education Committee.

I have the honour to submit my Report upon the Medical Inspection of School Children for the year 1928.

1.—**STAFF.**

Particulars of the Staff are given on Page 3.

2.—**CO-ORDINATION.**

As the School Medical Officer, who is also Medical Officer of Health and Infant and Child Welfare, is engaged in clinical as well as administrative duties, there is no difficulty in co-ordinating the work of the different Departments.

3.—**SPECIAL ENQUIRY.**

When I commenced School Medical Inspections I took up as a special subject of investigation, and one which appeared to me, when I had sufficient numbers, would probably give interesting results—the association of physical defects with school backwardness. My investigations have been continued by my assistants and we have now examined 816 backward children, a backward child being regarded as one, three or more standards below the normal child of his or her age, mentally deficient children being excluded. I find that 66.5 per cent. have physical defects which account for their backward condition. In more than a quarter, 25.7 per cent. of these the cause was connected with diseased or defective conditions of the ears or nose and throat leading to partial deafness, and 12.7 per cent. suffered from defective vision. With the attention which is now given to these defects and the treatment which is provided for their remedy by the Education Committee, I confidently expect that there will be a considerable reduction in the number of backward children.

4.—SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Infectious diseases have interfered very considerably during the past year with school attendance. While the incidence of the notifiable infectious diseases, except chicken pox, has been slight. 1,104 children were excluded for various periods, either as actual sufferers or contacts with infectious diseases. The known cases of these diseases were as follows :—

Diphtheria 48, Measles 211, Whooping Cough 117, Chicken Pox 241, Impetigo (an infectious skin disease) 239, and Ringworm 143.

THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE IN RELATION TO PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

5.—MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The arrangements and methods adopted for the Medical Inspection of the children have been in all respects similar to those described in previous Reports. The children examined include the Entrants, Leavers, and Intermediate Group (aged 8), other Routine, Special Cases, and Re-inspection of Defective Children, the numbers examined being set forth on Table I.

6.—Following Up.

For this purpose the City is divided into convenient areas, each School Nurse having charge of her own District, and during the year the School Nurses made 3,553 home visits in this connection.

7.—MEDICAL TREATMENT.

(a) Uncleanliness (see Table IV., Group IV.)

I have to report a steady improvement in the condition of children attending the Elementary Schools in the matter of cleanliness. This has been continuous since the institution of school medical work. At present the School Nurses make visits to the schools, particularly during the week following re-opening after holidays. During the year the School Nurses paid 339 visits to schools in this connection, the actual number of children examined being 17,381. Of this number 422 were unsatisfactory, and these were cleansed satisfactorily by their parents after notice was given.

No legal proceedings were taken against parents under the Education Act, 1921, Section 87.

(b) **Tuberculosis.**

Fourteen children have been referred by the School Medical Inspector to the Tuberculosis Dispensary for prolonged observation by the Tuberculosis Officer, and of these 8 were found to be tubercular, 1 was still under the observation at the end of the year, and 5 were not tubercular.

(c) **Ringworm.**

During the year 7 cases were treated by X-Rays, all were cured.

136 cases were treated at the Ringworm School Treatment Clinic by the School Nurses, 55 being ringworm of the scalp and 81 ringworm of the body, and the number of visits paid to the Clinic for treatment of this disease was 1,608.

119 were cured and 17 remained under treatment at the end of the year.

(d) **Impetigo.**

239 cases of this disease were treated at the Clinic, making 1,754 attendances, and all were cured.

(e) **Scabies.**

5 families affected. 7 cases treated at Clinic.

(f) **Vision.**

278 children received advice under the arrangements made by the Local Education Authority for Error of Refraction (including squint) and 13 children received advice privately.

2 children received In-Patient Treatment for operation for squint, and 10 children received Out-Patient Treatment at the Eye Infirmary in addition to those treated at the School Clinic.

See Table IV., Group II.

(g) **Tonsils and Adenoids.**

100 children received operative treatment under the arrangements made by the Local Education Authority.

See Table IV., Group III.

(h) **Dental Treatment.**

The Report of the School Dental Surgeon on this work is attached. See Table IV., Group IV.

(i) **Minor Ailments.**

Treatment for these are given at the School Clinic, particulars appear on page 18—Table IV., Group I.

(j) **Orthopaedic Treatment.**

The Devon Association for Cripples Aid was formed at the instigation of the Central Council of the Care of Cripples

It was considered that if the initial cost of the hospital were provided entirely from voluntary sources, Public Authorities would be responsible for meeting the major part of running costs, in return for which they were offered a 50 per cent. representation on the Hospital Management Committee.

The Hospital was built, and commenced operations, together with Clinics, in December, 1927. The Princess Elizabeth Devonian Orthopaedic Hospital was opened on November 16th, 1927, by H.R.H. the Duchess of York, the first patients being admitted on December 16th.

At a conference held between representatives of the D.A.C.A. and Local Authorities, it was decided that as a tentative arrangement the sum of £2 8s. 0d. per week should be paid for In-Patients at the Hospital, and 5/- per visit for each attendance at the Clinics, it being understood that these payments should be subject to revision according to the actual cost. It was found at the end of twelve months working that the actual cost per bed per week was £2 8s. 7d. On the Clinic account, receipts were a little in excess of the expenditure.

The Local Authority decided that the Tuberculosis Cases should be treated under the scheme for dealing with Tuberculosis, and not as school children, although they might be of school age.

During the period 1st December, 1927, to the 31st December, 1928, 33 school children suffering from the following conditions :

Infantile paralysis	....	....	14
Rickets	....	....	1
Conditions due to injury	....	....	2
Congenital defects	....	....	6
Deformities	....	....	1
Miscellaneous Conditions	....	....	9
Total			33

were sent to the Clinic and dealt with as follows :—

4 cases were considered not suitable for treatment, 9 cases

were made In-Patients, and 20 were referred for treatment to the Out-Patient Clinic.

Of the 9 cases admitted to Hospital, 1 was discharged at parents' request, 5 were made Out-Patients and had generally improved, and 3 cases remained in Hospital at the end of the year.

Of the 20 Out-Patients, 2 were discharged after being fitted with suitable appliances, and 18 remained under treatment at the end of the year.

The total cost to the Education Authority was £628 3s. 10d., £510 1s. 1d. for In-Patients, and £118 2s. 9d. for Out-Patients, less receipts from parents or guardians of £14 8s. 7d.

8.—OPEN AIR SCHOOLS.

At present we have no Open Air Schools, although in suitable weather school playgrounds are largely used for the holding of classes. I consider that a day open air school would be one of the most useful aids we could have for the prevention of disease, and would improve the physical and mental health of many of the children.

See Table III., Page 15.—99 delicate children are attending the Public Elementary Schools, who would doubtless do much better in an Open Air School.

9.—SWIMMING INSTRUCTION.

The arrangements whereby Elementary School Children are regularly taught swimming at the Corporation Baths continue, and during the year 1,079 children have received instruction in swimming during the summer session, 1928. 590 lessons had been given with a total of 9,634 individual attendances. Of the pupils who attended, 898 were beginners and 255 of these were able to swim at least 35 yards by the end of the session. Certificates had been gained as follows :—255 for 25 yards, 122 for 50 yards, and 103 for 100 yards, and 8 for back-stroke for 50 yards.

Medical inspection of those wishing to compete in the Annual Swimming Gala, 220 examined, and in 5 of these cases competition was not advised.

10.—EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS.

Under the Bye-Laws in force 162 medical certificates were issued and 62 children were re-examined for continuation of employment, and in eight cases medical certificates were refused

owing to children requiring medical treatment, of these 6 cases obtained advice for error of refraction and certificates were granted.

11.—SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARS, AND STUDENT TEACHERS.

44 were examined and passed, subject in 13 cases to having defects remedied.

12.—CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS AND OTHERS.

72 per cent. of the parents were present in the schools at the examination, and, generally speaking, these parents showed every desire to co-operate with the School Medical Officer for the benefit of their children.

My thanks are due to the Secretary for Education, Head Teachers, School Attendance Officers, and various voluntary agencies, for co-operating with my department and furthering the work of Medical Inspection and Treatment.

13.—STATISTICS.

Relating to the work of medical inspection of Elementary Schools as required by the Board of Education, are attached to the Report.

14.—MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Secondary and Junior Technical Schools.

The particulars of the School Medical Inspection of one Secondary School and Junior Technical School appears at the end of this Report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. H. STIRK,

School Medical Officer.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS,
1928

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1928.

TABLE I.

Return of Medical Inspections 1st January to 31st December, 1928.

A.—ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Number of Code Group Inspections.

Entrants	....	....	....	....	1144
Intermediates	....	....	....	....	844
Leavers	....	....	....	....	521
Total	....	....	....	....	2509

Number of other Routine Inspections 8

B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of Special Inspections	....	....	2670
Number of Re-inspections	....	....	2151
Total	....	....	4821

TABLE II.

A. Return of Defects found by Medical Inspection in the Year ended 31st December, 1928.

Defect or Disease.	Routine Inspections.		Special Inspections.	
	No. of Defects.		No. of Defects.	
	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but <i>not</i> requiring treatment.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but <i>not</i> requiring treatment.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Malnutrition</i>		1		
<i>Uncleanliness</i> —				
Head		1	5	
Body	1		9	
<i>Skin</i> —				
Ringworm—Head			62	
Body			81	
Scabies			7	
Impetigo	2		237	
Other Diseases (Non-Tubercular) ...			78	7
<i>Eye</i> —				
Blepharitis	1	4	10	2
Conjunctivitis			10	1
Keratitis			1	
Corneal Ulcer				
Corneal Opacities				
Defective Vision	104	3	133	27
Squint	10	11	6	4
Other Conditions		2	20	3
<i>Ear</i> —				
Defective Hearing	7	8	4	6
Otitis Media				1
Other Ear Diseases	20	1	30	3
<i>Nose and Throat</i> —				
Enlarged Tonsils	16	2	2	
Adenoids	11	4	6	6
Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids	87	1	104	25
Other Conditions		188	8	19
<i>Enlarged Cervical Glands</i> (Non-Tubercular) ...	2	27	4	5
<i>Defective Speech</i>		8		1
<i>Teeth</i> —Dental Diseases		152		400

TABLE II.—continued.

Detect or Disease.	Routine Inspections.		Special Inspections.	
	No of Defects.		No of Defects.	
	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but <i>not</i> requiring treatment.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but <i>not</i> requiring treatment.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Heart and Circulation—</i>				
Heart Disease—Organic	3	8	1	6
Functional		11		2
Anaemia		10		
<i>Lungs—</i>				
Bronchitis		5		
Other Non-Tubercular Diseases—			1	2
<i>Tuberculosis—</i>				
Pulmonary—Definite				1
Suspected		11	3	18
Non-Pulmonary—Glands			1	
Spine				
Hip				
Other Bones & Joints				
Skin			1	
Other Forms				
<i>Nervous System—</i>				
Epilepsy	1		5	2
Chorea	1		5	1
Other Conditions	3		2	1
<i>Deformities—</i>				
Rickets			2	3
Spinal Curvature		12		
Other Forms	3	12	14	10
<i>Other Defects and Diseases—</i>	14	31	64	96

B. Number of *individual children* found at *Routine Medical Inspection to Require Treatment* (excluding uncleanliness and Dental Diseases.

Group. (1)	Number of Children.		Percentage of Children found to require treatment. (4)
	Inspected (2)	Found to re- quire treatment. (3)	
<i>Code Group :</i>			
Entrants	1144	116	10.1
Intermediate	844	102	12.1
Leavers	521	64	12.2
Total (code groups)	2509	282	11.2
Other Routine Inspections	8	—	—

Classification of Diseases other than those classified in Table IV.
Group I. showing how treated.

Disease, &c.	Cured Dispensary.	Operation Hospital.	Cured Hospital.	Cured Private Doctor.	Remarks.
Fits and Petit Mal.	9			1	
Hernia		2			
Chorea	4		1	1	
Debility	2			1	
Goitre	1				
Glands } Non-	3		2		
Lungs } Tubercular				1	
Phimosis		1			
Miscellaneous	3	1		6	

Table III.—Return of all Exceptional Children in the Area.

			Boys.	Girls.	Total
Blind (including partially blind)	(i) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally blind.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Blind Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution ...	2	3	5
	(ii) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially blind.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Blind ... Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution			
Deaf (including deaf and dumb and partially deaf).	(i) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally deaf or deaf and dumb.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution	1	2	3
	(ii) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially deaf.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution			
Mentally Defective.	Feeble-minded (cases not notifiable to the Local Control Authority).	Attending Certified Schools for Mentally Defective Children Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution	8 8 1 6	12 9 1 4	20 17 1 10
	Notified to the Local Control Authority <i>during the year.</i>	Feeble-minded Imbeciles Idiots	1	1 2	1 3
Epileptics.	Suffering from severe epilepsy.	Attending Certified Special Schools for Epileptics In Institutions other than Certified Special Schools Attending Public Elementary Schools At no School or Institution		1	1

TABLE III.—continued.

			Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Epileptics. —contd.	Suffering from epilepsy which is not severe.	Attending Public Elementary Schools	1	3	4
		At no School or Institution		1	1
Physically Defective.	Infectious pulmonary and glandular tuberculosis.	At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board			
		At other Institutions			
		At no School or Institution			
		Under private doctor			
	Non-infectious but active pulmonary and glandular tuberculosis.	At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board	9	10	19
		At Certified Residential Open Air Schools			
		At Certified Day Open Air Schools			
		At Public Elementary Schools			
		At other Institutions			
		At no School or Institution	2	3	5
	Delicate Children (e.g., pre - or latent tuberculosis, malnutrition, debility, anaemia, etc.)	At Certified Residential Open Air Schools			
		At Certified Day Open Air Schools			
		At Public Elementary Schools	50	49	99
		At other Institutions			
		At no School or Institution	2	1	3
	Active non - pulmonary tuberculosis.	At Sanatoria or Hospital Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board	3		3
		At Public Elementary Schools	5	1	6
		At other Institutions			
		At no School or Institution			
	Crippled Children (other than those with active tuberculosis disease), e.g., children suffering from paralysis; etc., and including those with severe heart disease.	At Certified Hospital Schools	1	2	3
		At Certified Residential Cripple Schools			
		At Certified Day Cripple Schools			
		At Public Elementary Schools	28	22	50
		At other Institutions			
		At no School or Institution			

**TABLE IV.—Return of Defects Treated during the Year ended
31st December, 1928.
Treatment Table.**

Group I.—Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness, for which see Group V.)

Disease or Defect. (1)	Number of Defects treated or under treatment during the year.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme. (2)	Otherwise. (3)	Total. (4)
<i>Skin—</i>			
Ringworm Scalp	56	6	62
Ringworm Body	78	3	81
Scabies	7		7
Impetigo	231	8	239
Other Skin Disease	6	10	16
<i>Minor Eye Defects—</i> (External and other, but excluding cases failing in Group II.)	30	5	35
<i>Minor Ear Defects</i>	42	14	56
<i>Miscellaneous</i> (e.g., minor injuries, bruises, sores, chilblains, etc.)	46	16	62
Total	496	62	558

*Group II.—Defective Vision and Squint (excluding Minor Eye Defects treated
as Minor Ailments—Group I.)*

Defect or Disease. (1)	Number of Defects dealt with.			
	Under the Authority's Scheme. (2)	Submitted to refraction by private prac- titioner or at hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme. (3)	Otherwise. (4)	Total. (5)
Errors of Refraction (in- cluding Squint)	278	5	8	291
Other Defects or Disease of the Eyes	12			12
Total	290	5	8	303

Total number of Children for whom spectacles were prescribed—

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme 272

(b) Otherwise 13

Total number of children who obtained or received spectacles—

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme 265

(b) Otherwise 13

Group III.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

Number of Defects.				
Received Operative Treatment.			Received other forms of Treatment at School.	Total number Treated.
Under the Authority's Scheme in Clinic or Hospital. (1)	By Private Practitioner or Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme. (2)	Total (3)		
100	28	128	263	391

Group IV.—Dental Defects.

(1) Number of children who were :

(a) Inspected by the Dentist :—

	5	...	672	
	6	...	784	
	7	...	881	
	8	...	645	
	9	...	528	
Routine Age Groups	10	...	362	4475*
	11	...	264	
	12	...	219	
	13	...	94	
	14	...	26	
Specials (<i>see note d</i>)	...	...	289	
Grand Total	...	...	4764	

*Of this number approximately 1666 are re-inspections.

(b)	Found to require treatment	...	1474
(c)	Actually treated	...	1395
(d)	Re-treated during the year as the result of periodical examination	...	533
		(<i>see note e</i>)	
(2)	Half-days devoted to	{ Inspection 59 } Total	417
		{ Treatment 358 }	
(3)	Attendances made by children for Treatment	...	2987
(4)	Fillings	{ Permanent teeth 931 } Total	1164
		{ Temporary teeth 233 }	
(5)	Extractions	{ Permanent teeth 382 } Total	1448
		{ Temporary teeth 1066 }	
(6)	Administration of general anaesthetics for extractions	...	277
(7)	Other operations	{ Permanent teeth 426 } Total	1323
		{ Temporary teeth 897 }	
(e)	All cases entered under this head are also entered under head (c).		

Group V.—Uncleanliness and verminous condition.

(i)	Average number of visits per school made during the year by the School Nurses	...	9
(ii)	Total number of examinations of children in the Schools by School Nurses	...	17381
(iii)	Number of individual children found unclean	...	422
(iv.)	Number of children cleansed under arrangements made by the Local Education Authority	...	Nil
(v.)	Number of cases in which legal proceedings were taken :		
	(a) Under the Education Act, 1921	...	Nil
	(b) Under School Attendance Bye-laws	...	Nil

TABLE V.
TABLE OF PHYSICAL DEFECTS FOUND AMONG 816 BACKWARD CHILDREN.

Medical Examination showed that 543 or 66.5 per cent of these Children had some physical defect, probably accounting for their backwardness, the backwardness of the majority of the remainder being due to irregular attendance.

Defects.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.		Total.	Percentages.
			Boys.	Girls.		
Nutrition	1	3			4	0.5
Teeth	12	9	1	2	24	3.05
Nose and Throat — Mouth Breathing	9	10			19	2.4
Tonsils	34	38	3	3	78	9.5
Adenoids						
Glands	5	17		2	24	3.05
Eyes and Vision	54	58	3	3	118	14.4
Ears and Hearing	39	55	2	5	101	12.7
Speech	14	3	2	1	20	2.5
Heart and Circulation	10	16	1	2	29	3.6
Lungs	2	4	3		9	1.1
Nervous System	10	8	3		21	2.5
Tuberculosis	2	4			6	0.7
Rickets	6	3	1	2	12	1.5
Deformities, Spinal Diseases, etc.	12	30	2		44	5.5
Infectious or Contagious Diseases		4			4	0.5
Other Disease or Defect	16	11	3		30	3.8
Total	226	273	24	20	543	66.5

TABLE VI.—Table Showing number of Children who attended the Inspection Clinic for Examination.

In 1911	....	....	612 Children
„ 1912	....	....	923 „
„ 1913	....	....	1240 „
„ 1914	....	....	1477 „
„ 1915	....	....	1926 „
„ 1916	....	....	2331 „
„ 1917	....	....	2256 „
„ 1918	....	....	1691 „
„ 1919	....	....	2323 „
„ 1920	....	....	3811 „
„ 1921	....	....	3502 „
„ 1922	....	....	2174 „
„ 1923	....	....	2346 „
„ 1924	....	....	1993 „
„ 1925	....	....	1832 „
„ 1926	....	....	2061 „
„ 1927	....	....	2493 „
„ 1928	....	....	2436 „

They were sent by the following :—

Head Teacher	....	....	1068
School Medical Officer	....	....	297
School Nurse	....	....	412
Medical Practitioners	....	....	13
Parents' own initiative	....	....	558
Attendance Officers	....	....	36
* Miscellaneous	....	....	52
Total	....	....	2436

Condition requiring Examination.

Uncleanliness	....	....	Dental Diseases	....	....
Ringworm	....	....	Heart and Circulation	....	....
Impetigo	....	....	Lung (Non-Tubercular)	....	....
Ear Disease	....	....	Nervous System	....	....
Defective Vision	....	....	Deformities	....	....
Nose and Throat	....	....	Other Defects and Diseases	....	....
Glands	....	....	* Certificates of Fitness to	....	....
Defective Speech	....	....	attend School, Trading	....	....
			Certificates, &c.	....	....

Secondary Schools and Junior Technical School. 1928.

TABLE I.

Return of Medical Inspection 1st January to 31st December, 1928.

INSPECTED :—

School.	Examination.		Total.
	Complete.	Curtailed.	
Junior Technical(Boys)	73	—	73
Exeter (Boys)	110	57	167
Total	183	57	240

TABLE II.

A. RETURN OF DEFECTS found in the course of Medical Inspection, 1928.

School.	Defect or Disease.	EXAMINATIONS.			
		Complete.		Curtailed.	
		No. of Defects.		No. of Defects.	
		Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but <i>not</i> requiring treatment.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but <i>not</i> requiring treatment.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Junior	Vision	3			
	Teeth	1			
Technical	Ear Disease	1			
	Heart Disease		1		
(Boys.)	Tonsils & Adenoids	2	2		
	Other Defects	1	1		
Exeter (Boys.)	Heart Disease	1			
	Tonsils		4		
	Squint				
	Vision	5		1	
	Defective Hearing	3	1		
	Slight Cervical Glands		2		
	Other Defects	2	5		

TABLE II.—continued.

B. Number of *individual children* found at *Routine Medical Inspection* to require treatment.

School.	Group.	Number of Children.		Percentage of Children found to require treatment.
		Inspected.	Found to require treatment.	
Junior Technical (Boys.)	Complete Examination	73	8	10.9
	Curtailed Examination	—	—	—
	Total	73	8	10.9
Exeter (Boys')	Complete Examination	110	11	10.
	Curtailed Examination	57	1	1.7
	Total	167	12	7.1

TABLE III.

Numerical Return of all Exceptional Children in the Area in 1928.

Nil.

TABLE IV.

GROUP I.—Treatment of Minor Ailments, 1928.

No arrangements are made by the Local Education Authority for treatment.

GROUP II.—Defective Vision and Squint.

School.	Defect or Disease.	Number of Defects dealt with.		
		Submitted to re- fraction by private prac- titioner or at Hospital.	Other- wise.	Total.
Junior Technical (Boys.)	Errors of Refraction (in- cluding Squint)	—	—	—
	Other Defect or Disease of the Eye	—	—	—
	Total	—	—	—

Total number of Children for whom spectacles were prescribed and received spectacles—*Nil*.

Exeter (Boys.)	Errors of Refraction (in- cluding Squint)	—	6	6
	Other Defect or Disease of the Eye	—	—	—
	Total	—	6	6

Total number of Children for whom spectacles were prescribed and received spectacles, 6.

GROUPS III., IV., and V.—*Nil*.